

Resolution authorizing the settlement of a claim for damage to a 2013 Ford Interceptor (Fleet Management) (\$14,491.71)

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2014, Franklin County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division, vehicle #40, driven by Deputy Thomas Franks, was involved in an auto accident; and

WHEREAS, the operator of vehicle #40 was travelling southbound on Alum Creek Drive approaching the intersection of Watkins Road; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Hamlet after stopping at the stop sign at the intersection of Alum Creek Drive and Watkins Road, failed to yield the stop sign, a violation of Columbus City Code Sec. 213.17(A), turned into the path of and collided with vehicle #40 resulting in total damage to vehicle #40; and

WHEREAS, State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, the automobile insurance carrier for Benjamin Hamlet, has offered to pay fourteen thousand, four hundred ninety-one and 71/100 (\$14,491.71) to the Franklin County Commissioners, for the property damage to vehicle #40 and in settlement of the property damage portion of this claim with the Franklin County Commissioners retaining possession of the salvage vehicle; and

WHEREAS, there may be bodily injury claims arising out of this incident; however, this resolution only authorizes settlement of the property damage to the vehicle and not any potential bodily injury claims; and

WHEREAS, the above described settlement was recommended by Fleet Management, and fairly compensates for the property damage to vehicle #40; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners deems it to be in the best interest to accept the same in full settlement of the property damage claim; and therefore

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO;

1. That the above-referenced settlement for the property damage to the vehicle in the amount fourteen thousand, four hundred ninety-one and 71/100 (\$14,491.71) is in the best interests of the Franklin County Commissioners and Franklin County Sheriff's Office and the same is hereby approved.
2. That upon receipt of fourteen thousand, four hundred ninety-one and 71/100 (\$14,491.71) from State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, the above-referenced property damage claim shall be settled between Benjamin Hamlet, their successors and assigns, and/or their heirs, executors and administrators, and also any and all other persons, associations, and corporations who may be jointly severally liable to the Franklin County Commissioners. This settlement and release does not in any way affect any possible bodily injury claims that may be asserted.
3. The Franklin County Commissioners authorize the Director of Fleet Management to sign the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company's document, Salvage Retention Agreement.

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Office of Management and Budget